

House File 52

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BY HUSER and PETTENGILL

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to notice of meetings of the board of township
2 trustees.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1772HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 359.17, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 359.17 TRUSTEES == DUTIES == MEETINGS.
1 4 1. The board of township trustees in each township shall
1 5 consist of three registered voters of the township. However,
1 6 in townships with a taxable valuation for property tax
1 7 purposes of two hundred fifty million dollars or more, the
1 8 board of township trustees shall consist of five registered
1 9 voters of the township. The trustees shall act as fence
1 10 viewers and shall perform other duties assigned them by law.
1 11 The board of trustees shall meet not less than two times a
1 12 year. At least one of the meetings shall be scheduled to meet
1 13 the requirements of section 359.49.

1 14 2. The trustees may give notice of a meeting of the board
1 15 of township trustees. If the trustees choose to give notice
1 16 of a meeting, the notice shall give the time, date, and place
1 17 of the meeting and its tentative agenda. The notice shall be
1 18 posted at the building in which the meeting is to be held at
1 19 least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the
1 20 meeting. After the notice has been posted, the township clerk
1 21 shall send a copy of the notice to the county auditor. The
1 22 clerk shall note on the copy the time and date the notice was
1 23 posted and the place where the notice was posted.
1 24 If the trustees choose not to give notice of a meeting, the
1 25 trustees shall not be eligible to receive compensation for the
1 26 time spent attending a meeting. Compensation for the time
1 27 spent attending a meeting shall not be paid to the trustees by
1 28 the county board of supervisors unless the county auditor
1 29 verifies that notice containing the required information was
1 30 posted at the proper place in a timely manner.

1 31 Sec. 2. Section 359.46, subsection 1, Code 2007, is
1 32 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
1 33 NEW PARAGRAPH. c. When the trustees do not give notice of
1 34 a meeting as provided in section 359.17, subsection 2.

1 35 EXPLANATION
2 1 This bill provides that the board of township trustees may
2 2 give notice of the time, date, and place of each meeting, and
2 3 its tentative agenda. If the trustees choose to give notice,
2 4 the trustees shall post a notice of a meeting at the building
2 5 in which the meeting is to be held, and a copy of the notice
2 6 must be sent to the county auditor. If the trustees choose
2 7 not to give notice of a meeting, the county board of
2 8 supervisors shall not pay the trustees for the time spent
2 9 attending the meeting.
2 10 LSB 1772HH 82
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